

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (original) A composition comprising a mixture of sodium 3,4-dihydroxybutane-1-sulfonate and at least about 5 mol% of disodium 3,4-dihydroxybutane-1-sulfonate-2-sulfinate.

17. (currently amended) A composition comprising disodium 3,4-dihydroxybutane-1,2-disulfonate.

18. (currently amended) A composition comprising a mixture of sulfonated 3,4-dihydroxybutane, sulfonated 1,4-dihydroxybutane and sulfonated oligomers of 3,4-epoxy-1-butene.

19. (currently amended) A monomer comprising a [[sulfonated,]] sulfonated and sulfinated, or disulfonated 3,4-dihydroxybutane, wherein the monomer is suitable for polycondensation, thereby providing sulfonate-containing polyesters.

Claims 20-22 (canceled)